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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**  
(Case No. 97,429)

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In re Application of: )  
R.D. Gilmore et al. )  
Serial No. 09,004,395 )  
Filing Date: January 8, 1998 )  
For: RECOMBINANT P37 FLAA AS A )  
DIAGNOSTIC REAGENT )

Examiner: N. Minnifield  
Group Art Unit: 1645  
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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Asst. Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In regard to the above identified application,

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:
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  - b) Return postcard
2. With respect to fees:
  - a) It is believed no fee is due at this time.
  - b) Please charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment our Deposit Account, No. 13-2490.
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Respectfully submitted,

*[Signature]*